

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 1, lines 5-15, please amend the text as follows:

Related subject matter is disclosed in U.S. patent application entitled "METHOD OF OPERATING A CLOS NETWORK" having application no. [[\_\_\_\_]] 10/722,048 and filed on the same date herewith and assigned to the same assignee.

Related subject matter is disclosed in U.S. patent application entitled "INFINIBAND SWITCH OPERATING IN A CLOS NETWORK" having application no. [[\_\_\_\_]] 10/722,213 and filed on the same date herewith and assigned to the same assignee.

Related subject matter is disclosed in U.S. patent application entitled "CONNECTION CONTROLLER" having application no. [[\_\_\_\_]] 10/722,021 and filed on the same date herewith and assigned to the same assignee.